

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

Auction of FM Broadcast)	Auction No. 62
Construction Permits)	DA 05-1076
Scheduled for November 1, 2005)	

To: The Secretary, for forwarding to WTB/ASAD

COMMENTS OF STEPHEN CRONIN

1. These comments are submitted on behalf of Stephen Cronin, in response to the Commission's public notice, DA-05-1076 released April 14, 2005, proposing reserve prices and other auction procedures for FM Broadcast Auction No. 62, scheduled for November 1, 2005.

2. Mr. Cronin requests that Channel 235A at Montauk, NY, be added to the list of channels to be auctioned. This channel is vacant. It was formerly occupied by WVZC, Facility ID 73404; but that station was never constructed, and the construction permit was deleted in 1996.

3. This channel has thus been vacant for almost nine years. Montauk is located at the eastern end of Long Island, a popular seasonal vacation area for New York City, the nation's largest market. It is likely that the channel would attract bids that would yield a substantial amount of revenue for the federal government. Mr. Cronin is interested in filing an application and bidding for the channel.

4. There is precedent for auctioning channels that are vacant because construction permits were abandoned or lapsed. For example, one of the channels already proposed for Auction No. 62 is Channel 290A at Belview, MN. That channel was formerly occupied by KBGP, Facility ID 86488. That station was never constructed, and the

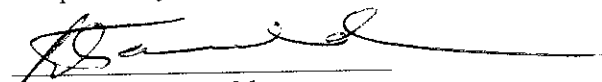
permit was deleted in 1998, two years after the Montauk permit. If the Belview channel can be auctioned, there is all the more reason to auction the Montauk channel.

5. There is also precedent for adding channels after the initial list is published. *See, e.g., "Auction of Additional FM Broadcast Construction Permits To Be Included In Auction No. 37 Scheduled For February 21, 2001," Public Notice, 15 FCC Red 25486 (WTB/MMB 2000) (eight channels added).*

6. Mr. Cronin urges that his specific interest in bidding for the Montauk channel, the popularity of the Long Island market, and the many years the channel has been vacant justify adding the channel to the inventory in Auction No. 62.

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